REMARKS

With the cancellation of claims 30-31 and 33-50, claims 26-29, and 32 are now pending in the above-referenced application and are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

With respect to claim 26, Applicant has amended this claim to recite the "adjusting body" is "placed in direct contact with the sleeve." Stegmaier does not identically include this limitation because in Stegmaier the element that the Examiner believes meets the recited adjusted body, namely, adjusting body 81 is not in direct contact with the element that the Examiner believes meets the recited sleeve, namely, sleeve 41. Therefore, because Stegmaier does not anticipate claim 26, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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